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MONTEREY NEWS

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THE ENTIRE STAFF OF THE MONTEREY NEWS EXTEND THEIR GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A FINE HOLIDAY SEASON. WE ALSO EXPRESS OUR REGRETS THAT, DUE TO VACATIONS AND STAFF CHANGE, IT WAS NECESSARY TO OMIT SEVERAL ISSUES OF THE PAPER. WE ARE NOW READY TO "ROLL", AND TRUST THAT OUR MONTHLY ISSUE WILL PROCEED WELL AND WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

WE ARE MOST PLEASED WITH YOUR CONTINUED INTEREST AND COMMENTS, AND HOPE WE SHALL HEAR FROM YOU OFTEN.

IT IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME TO SEEK FURTHER CONSIDERATION FROM YOU IF THE NEWSPAPER IS TO CONTINUE. THERE ARE, AS YOU KNOW, EXPENSES INVOLVED IN THE PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PAPER, AND INASMUCH AS THE LIMITED SUBSIDY IS INADEQUATE TO UNDERWRITE THE COSTS OF PRODUCTION, WE FIND IT NECESSARY TO ASK FOR A DONATION TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS INCURRED, IF YOU WILL BE SO KIND. THE ENCLOSED CARD IS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE.

THE EDITOR

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OUR CHURCHES

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

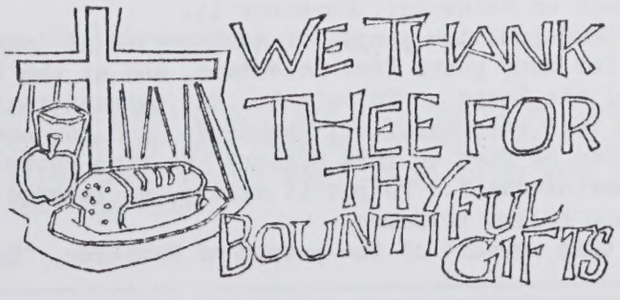
NEW EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM STARTED The Christian Education Committee started the church's new educational program on November 8. The principal thrust of this program is to work for a closer tie between the home and church. It is built around three six-week units of study with parents as teachers. Different teachers are to serve for each unit.

Mrs. Eleanor Newey has been employed by the committee to serve as Director of Christian Education. She is working closely with the parent-teachers. Our own curriculum is being created, so as better to serve the needs of Monterey children.

The first unit of study is on worship. The classes meet with the 10:30 morning worship. The children are participants in the worship for the first fifteen minutes. Their work continues in individual classes for the rest of the hour.

FINANCIAL CANVASS ENCOURAGING The past year has not been notable for the financial programs in many churches across the land. It is recognized as a time of shrinking budgets. The Monterey Church is, therefore, particularly pleased with the response of the people of this community to the financial canvass held during the summer. The canvass brought in gifts and pledges totalling $10,908, as against $9,502 last year. This is an increase of almost 15%. Gertrude Gould, Chairman of the Finance Committee, feels that the people of Monterey and community should be commended for this excellent response.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED On November 1, All Saints Day, nine new members were received into the fellowship of the church. Edward and Mildred Chipman came as associate members, with membership being held also in the First Baptist Church of Pittsfield. Harold and Kathleen Criswell came by letter of transfer from South Church in Pittsfield; Patricia Howard by letter of transfer from the Community Church of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey; Stephen and Joyce Morse as associate members, with membership also in Linden Congregational Church in Linden, Vermont; Eleanor Newey by letter of transfer from the Leominster Congregational Church; Judith Oplinger as an associate member, with membership also in Yellow Springs Friends Meeting in Yellow Springs, Ohio. An unusual feature of the service of reception was a response by Laura Lowy, who danced and recited the 150th Psalm as an Act of Joy.



O U R C H U R C H E S (continued)

OUR LADY OF THE HILLS

The chapel is closed for the season and we take this opportunity to thank all who helped in so many ways. We hope that when the doors open next summer there will be a great surprise.

SUNDAY MASSES AT MILL RIVER: 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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CUB SCOUTS On Hallowe'en night, at the children's party, Den # 1 put on a Magic Show. The boys did very well and mystified young and old.

This month we are having a pack meeting with Bob-cat and badges given out. The theme: "PIONEER DAYS".

Patricia Andrus

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S N O W M O B I L E S

THE STATE'S SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS FACE THEIR FIRST TEST THIS WINTER. THE NEW REGULATIONS, AS STATED BY DOUGLAS POLAND, REGIONAL SUPERVISOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WILL BE ENFORCED.

SNOWMOBILES MUST DISPLAY REGISTRATION NUMBERS OR CAN ONLY BE OPERATED ON LAND OWNED BY THE DRIVER.

SNOWMOBILES MAY CROSS A PUBLIC WAY, EXCEPT A LIMITED ACCESS HIGHWAY, AFTER COMING TO A FULL STOP.

OPERATORS MUST BE OVER 14 YEARS OLD UNLESS DIRECTLY SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT.

SNOWMOBILES MUST HAVE ONE OR MORE HEADLIGHTS, REAR RED LIGHT AND REAR RED REFLECTOR.

FIREARMS, IF CARRIED, MUST BE UNLOADED AND IN AN ENCLOSED CASE.

EACH SNOW VEHICLE MUST CARRY A SPARE SPARKPLUG, FLASHLIGHT, A SPARE DRIVE BELT AND TOOLS.

YOUTHS UNDER 16½ YEARS CANNOT CROSS A PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

O U R S C H O O L S

The New Marlboro - Monterey P.T.A. held their Annual Fall Fling Dance at Barrington House on Saturday, November 14 and it was a great success. The proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund and for playground equipment for Mill River Center School.

The Open House at Mill River Center School was very much enjoyed. The theme was: "SHAPE SCHOOLS FOR THE 70'S".

The Brownies of Monterey had a Float in the Great Barrington Hallowe'en Parade. Their exhibit was "SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS." Appreciation is expressed to Mr. and Mrs. Pizzichemi for their efforts and ingenuity. Also, a big thank you to the helpful Brownies and to Mr. Ted Falcon for escorting the Float safely to Great Barrington. Incidentally,it won THIRD PRIZE!!!

Ruth Champigny

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THE LADIES AID SOCIETY HELD THEIR FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON WITH THE PRESIDENT, MRS. MINER, ON NOVEMBER 5. REPORTS WERE READ AND PLANS MADE FOR THE COMING MONTHS. MRS. BELLE WEISS READ A LETTER WRITTEN BY HER GRAND-NEPHEW, RICHARD BIDWELL WILCOX, WHO IS STATIONED IN VIET NAM. HE ASKED FOR AID FOR THE ORPHANED CHILDREN THERE. SUCH THINGS AS TOOTH PASTE, TOOTH BRUSHES, WASH-CLOTHS, TOWELS, SOAP, SMALL STUFFED TOYS AND CANDY ARE NEEDED. THE GROUP AGREED TO COLLECT AS MANY OF THESE ARTICLES AS POSSIBLE AND BRING THEM TO THE NEXT MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19. ANYONE DESIRING TO CONTRIBUTE SUCH ARTICLES MAY LEAVE THEM WITH MRS. WEISS OR MISS NINA TRYON.

Stella Howes

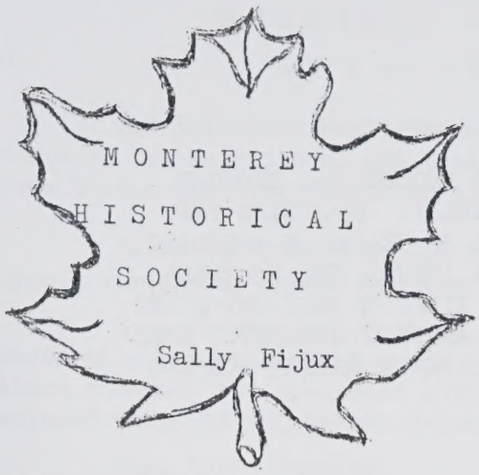
I N M E M O R I A M

H o w a r d R. W e l l s

"A servant of the people of Monterey" is the way one person characterized the life of Howard R. Wells. Perhaps this simple and direct statement gathers up the sentiments of many of us townsmen as we learned of Howard's death on Wednesday, November 11.

Truly, he served the people of Monterey in at least two conspicuous ways. He was for many years Town Selectman, and at the time of his death was Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Few persons realize the staggering amount of time that responsibility required. And how can we begin to measure the devotion he gave to this office? He also served for a long period as Highway Superintendent. To put it mildly, he labored to make the way smoother for his fellow townsmen.

So, to this servant of the people of Monterey, "Hail and Farewell".



As Housatonic Township #1 grew, the need for a meeting house became evident. In 1739 a tax was levied for the erection of a frame building 35 feet by 40 feet in size.

Plot #1 had been set aside for just such a purpose. This land was located at what is now the corner of Battelle Road and the Art School Road. In 1739 it was the Boston to Albany Post Road, which ran over Mount Hunger, past the Garfield House, on to Morse's Corner, up past the Deacon Hale place, on past the "Manse" and over the hill to Beartown Road.

The church was not organized until September 25, 1750. One week later the Reverend Adonijah Bidwell was called to minister to the needs of the community. He was a native of Hartford, Connecticut, and a graduate of Yale College. In 1745, as Chaplain, he had accompanied the New England Troops, led by Sir Pepperel, in the capture of Cape Breton.

The Reverend Bidwell has been described as sincere and friendly, a man of sound judgment. In the thirty-five years of his ministry the church acquired a membership of 104 persons. There were 379 baptisms and 166 weddings. He kept a "Day Book" or diary, and also very complete records of all occasions. He died in 1784 at the age of 68.

Due to the French and Indian Wars and dangers from marauders, the first meeting house was not completed for about twenty years after the levying of the first tax for its erection. A number of years ago the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a marker on the site of this meeting house. It is still there, on property now owned by Mr. Hargis, but difficult to find because of the surrounding shrubbery.

In 1798 a second church building was erected on the South Lee Road, about one-half mile south and down the hill from the first church. The new location was convenient for the people at the Center but inconvenient for those in North Tyringham. The change of location caused so much discontent that in 1847 the Town separated into two parts, and as the "Old Center" was no longer the center of population, a new church was built on its present site in 1849.

MESSIAH COMPLEX

The height of the ambition
Of many a poet politician
Is to life of Riley
A la Horace Greeley,
With all deliberate speed
To give men what they need,
A war of words instead
Of flash death home in bed,
To save the world in time
By bold, rambunctious rhyme.

Kelly Janes

W I L D L I F E R E F U G E ?

Let's hunt with cameras instead of guns. The trophies we bring home will be much more rewarding than a dead carcass to be quickly consumed or to gather dust on the mantel piece. We can be proud of the added skill it takes to preserve on film the beauty of a live creature in its own world and we can share our discoveries with our friends.

I should like to see Lake Garfield become a wild life sanctuary. All summer the lake teemed with wild life, and from my window I watched the Canada geese feeding and forming their wedge in flight, the colorful wood ducks swimming in the sun, and baby ducklings from the time they were little balls of fluff to their first awkward attempts to fly. There were even two great blue herons who moved silently and cleverly flashed their long necks into the water to spear a fish. I have many pictures of these things to show my friends.

Then came hunting season, and in one morning the lake was emptied of life.

I am sure there are others who have shared my summer pleasure and who now find the view of the lake sterile and comparatively uninteresting. I hope they will raise their voices and join me in my wish that gun shooting be prohibited at Lake Garfield.

Helen B. Shaw

THE ROUTE 23 BYPASS PROJECT HAS BROUGHT CONTROVERSY TO MONTEREY. BELIEVING THAT THE WHOLE TOWN WILL BE SERVED BY BECOMING ACQUAINTED WITH THE ISSUES, THE MONTEREY NEWS PRESENTS BOTH SIDES OF THIS IMPORTANT QUESTION. THE TWO ARTICLES PRESENTED HERE REPRESENT THE PRINCIPAL ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE BYPASS.

SAVE SCENIC MONTEREY COMMITTEE

Concerned Friends of Monterey:

This is to alert you to the proposed By-Pass through Monterey and to the stand taken against this plan by the Monterey Conservation Commission.

If this road becomes a reality, it will:

1. Bring increased noise and air pollution and traffic from trucks and cars.

2. Destroy the following swamps and ponds: the Dyer-Bennet-Mielke swamp; the Flood Pool designated by the Soil Conservation Service on the Konkapot River; the Lanoue-Tryon swamp; Fargo Pond. It will fill in and cross 2500 feet of swamps and streams.

3. Destroy 80 acres of woodland along its 100 to 300 foot-wide land-taking.

4. Seriously deplete the gravel resources of the town by using at least 50,000 cubic yards of sand and gravel (the equivalent of one acre 30 feet high.)

5. Destroy 4.7 miles of wildlife refuge.

6. Be an irregular swath of high and low in relation to existing contours of the land.

7. By-pass all commercial enterprises of the Town on the present Route 23.

8. Threaten several homes with demolition and adversely affect many others by land-taking.

9. Create six new intersections on roads which are presently travelled by school buses.

10. Create hazards for cycling, walking, horseback riding, and leisurely driving.

11. Cost a minimum of $3,000,000 in state and federal dollars.

12. Increase real estate taxes to offset the Town's loss of revenue from house and land-takings.

13. The Town has petitioned for more than twenty years for the State to take over the financial burden of Route 23. This By-Pass still leaves the tax-payers with two-thirds of this mileage and actually increases the burden. For example, the Town will have to pay 100% of snow removal, rather than 50% as before.

14. If the present Route 23 is hazardous, it will continue to be.

SAVE SCENIC MONTEREY COMMITTEE, whose members include:

Mr. Newman B. Abercrombie, Mr. Peter Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Mr. and Mrs. John Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dyer-Bennet, Ms. Jean Germain, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gillis, Mr. and Mrs. Bijorn Jenssen, Ms. Minnie Keys, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lancome, Ms. Janice Lanoue, Mr. and Mrs. Edward LeComte, Ms. Margaret McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. William Mielke, Mrs. Julius Miner, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Moselle, Mr. Charles O'Connor, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. John O'Connor, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. P. Eric Plehn, Rev. and Mrs. Hampton Price, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Weber, Mr. Donald West, Mr. Hugh Wheeler, Ms. Margaret White, Ms. Edith Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Zilka.

MONTEREY SELECTMEN STATE STAND IN FAVOR OF ROUTE 23 BYPASS

The Selectmen yesterday came out in strong support of the controversial Route 23 bypass proposal and took issue with each of the 14 points cited by the Save Scenic Monterey Committee as reason for its opposition to the project.

Selectman Robert M. Gauthier, speaking for the board, said the Selectmen also favor saving scenic Monterey, "which is why we want the bypass."

He said that all indications show a majority of residents in favor of the seven-mile project, which would route through traffic generally south of the village. About one-half the by-passed portion of existing Route 23 would be abandoned; the remainder would be maintained primarily by the town rather than the state, he explained.

Seek Early Hearing

In a related development, Gauthier said the board is pressing the state Department of Public Works (DPW) to schedule a design hearing on the project before January despite a DPW statement last week that the hearing could probably not be held before the state legislature reconvenes. According to the DPW, state legislative and federal approval must be obtained before publicly owned wilderness areas can be encroached upon. The land in question is a short stretch of Swann State Forest.

Gauthier's remarks on behalf of the board were prompted by distribution last week of a printed flyer by the Save Scenic Monterey Committee, a recently formed group of residents who oppose construction of the new road. Included in the 32-member committee are all the members of the Conservation Commission and the Finance Committee. The flyer listed 14 reasons why the committee opposes the project. The Selectmen answered as follows:

--Traffic through town is bound to increase, bypass or no bypass, and the bypass will be especially necessary to cope with additional traffic expected to be generated by the proposed new Route 8 with its Massachusetts Turnpike interchange.

--Pollution per vehicle would decrease because the bypass would permit constant vehicular speeds which generate less pollution than stop-and-go driving on existing Route 23.

--The feared serious depletion of local gravel resources, estimated by bypass opponents as at least 50,000 cubic yards, is not serious because the primary use of gravel is, in any case, road construction. (The Selectmen said that the 50,000 estimate is a conservative figure and that actual consumption would probably be greater.)

--The opponents' contention that the bypass will be an "irregular swath of high and low in relation to existing (land) contours" is unfounded because they have not seen profile plans of the project.

--Village merchants are generally split on the subject of economic impact to town commerce.

--The six new intersections which would be created by the bypass would replace six existing intersections rather than supplement them.

--The bypass will increase the value of inaccessible lands, thereby increasing the town's tax revenue.

--Maintenance and plowing of existing Route 23 would become the town's responsibility if the bypass is built, but plowing would be less expensive if done by town equipment than the present method of contracting the work out through the DPW.

--Existing Route 23 would revert to a lightly traveled secondary road with mostly local traffic; hazardous traffic conditions should lessen if the bypass is built.

Hits "Emotionalism"

In addition, Gauthier said several of the opponents' arguments are "based on emotionalism rather than sound reasoning." He said the opponents' contention that construction of the bypass would "destroy" several ponds and swamps, 80 acres of woodland, 4.7 miles of wildlife refuge and several homes is emotional and somewhat erroneous. He maintained that "It's better to fill in a swamp than to take homes." Moreover, he added, only two homes would be taken, and one of them is currently unoccupied.

He conceded that "some forest land must go," but that there is an abundance of wooded acreage throughout town. The "wildlife refuge," Gauthier explained, "consists of several hundred feet of Swann State Forest and several miles of privately owned, posted property. "That does not constitute a wildlife refuge," he asserted.

Regrets Limitation

On the other hand, Gauthier lamented the fact that federal highway funds earmarked for the $4 million project can only be used for new road construction rather than rebuilding of existing roads. He said that, from all information made available to him, it would not be practical or feasible to rebuild existing Route 23, but that the funding legislation precludes consideration of rebuilding, regardless of its feasibility or practicality.

From THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE, October 28, 1970

PHILERGIANS

THERE WILL BE A MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 1970, AT 8:00 P.M. AT THE HOME OF GERTRUDE GOULD.

MR. J. FRANK LENAGHAN, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE COMMUNITY ACTION, WILL BE OUR SPEAKER. HE WILL TELL US OF THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE WORK WHICH IS CARRIED ON BY THIS ORGANIZATION.
ALL WOMEN IN THE COMMUNITY ARE INVITED.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hall of Marlboro Road, long-time residents of Monterey, have sold their home to William and Diane Konigsberg. Mr. Konigsberg is Professor of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry at Yale University. Mrs. Konigsberg is a graduate student at the University of Connecticut, where she is majoring in archeology. They have an eight-year-old daughter, Jessica.

Carrie L'Hommedieu is now living with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L'Hommedieu, and attending Smithtown Central High School, Smithtown, Long Island.

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